competitive in the International Market encouraging quality consciousness through seminars, training, setting up Quality Control Laboratory to promote Board's logo as a symbol of quality spices.

Export of Spices

2088. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the exports of various spices from Southern States have been declining, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the annual figures of exports of various spices, Statewise alongwith their foreign exchange earnings; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to boost the export of spices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Figures of export of Spices Statewise are not maintained. Export figures for 1988-89 however are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLI Annexure No. 127]

On the whole, Southern States account for the largest amount of spice exports from India.

(c) The steps to boost export of spices *inter-alia* include: (i) grant of CCS (ii) Import replenishment licences; (iii) air-freight subsidy on export of cardamom during peak period; (iv) Market promotion through publicity campaigns, market surveys, deputation of sales cum study delegations; participation in international fairs, efforts to reduce cost of production of cardamom to increase production and productivity to make the product more competitive in the international market, encouraging quality consciousness through seminars, trainings, setting of Quality Control Laboratory to promote Board's Logo as a symbol of Quality Spices.

Ex-gratia payment and pension payable to the next of Kin of Terrorist Victim Employees of Education Department of Punjab

2089. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of officials in the Education Department of the Government of Punjab who had been killed by the terrorists the date and place of killing in each case as on 31st May, 1989;

(b) what are the details of cases in which admissible *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 50,000/- has not so far been paid to the widows/the next of kin of the victims, with the reasons for the delay; and

(c) what are the details of cases in which payment of pension equal to last pay drawn has not been started as on 31st May, 1989 with the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Jobs to Widows/dependents of Persons killed by Terrorists in Punjab

2090. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of widows/dependents of those killed by terrorists in Punjab whose applications for jobs on priority basis are pending as on 31st May, 1989 with the date of killing as well as the date on which application for job was made in each case;

(b) by when these applicants are likely to be provided with jobs; and

(c) what are the dates on which each widow in the above list had been paid admissible pension of Rs. 250/- p.m. as on 31st May, 1989?